(e) whether it is a fact that no provision has been made for budgetary support to the Corporation during 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The total storage capacity available with Central Warehousing Corporation as on 31-10-1992 was 66.28 lakh tonnes.

(b) The average capacity utilisation of Central Warehousing Corporation during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 73 per cent and 67 per cent respectively.

(c) The net profit of the Corporation for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and that expected during 1992-93 are as follows :—

Year	Net Profit
	(Rs. in crores)
1990-91	43.47
1991-92	42.09
1992-93 (Expected)	22.32

(d) During 1993-94, an outlay of Rs. 25.50 crores is proposed. This will cover the cost of construction of additional storage capacity and the contribution to be made by the Corporation to the equity capital of the State Warehousing Corporations.

(e) and (f) No provision has been made by the Central Government for budgetary support to the Corporation during 1992-93 and 1993-94 since the Corporation is in a position to generate enough internal resources required to finance its various construction activities as well as for contribution in the equity of various State Warehousing Corporations.

Losses incurred by U.P. State Sugar Export Corporation

2085. SHRI SOMPAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar units of U. P. State Sugar Export Corporation are incurring heavy losses;

(b) if so, how much losses have been incurred by U. P. State Sugar Corporation and U. P. State Cooperative Sugar factories during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of the amount paid by U. P. State Sugar Corporation to the Indian Sugar and General Industry Export and Import Corporation due to losses met by it on account of sugar export and the amount paid by U. P. Cooperative Federation during the last two years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more incentive free scale is allowed in the early and late crushing season to cover the loss in the cost of production;

(e) whether some mid-crushing incentives have also been granted to sugar factories this year;

(f) if so, what is the rationale thereof and how much benefit will be passed to the farmers out of this incentive scheme: and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Most of the sugar units of the U. P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd. are incurring losses.

(b) As per information received from U. P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd. and U.P. Co-operative Sugar Factories Federation Ltd., the losses incurred during the last three years by the sugar units

of the Corporation and the Federation are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Units of U.P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd.	Units of U.P. State Cooperative Sugar Factories Federation
1	2	3
1989-90	19.61	6.71
1990-91	69.25 (Prov.)	79.76
1991-92	114.16 (Est.)	75.59

(c) The amounts paid by the factories of U. P. State Sugar Corporation and the factories of U. P. Cooperative Sugar Factories Federation during the last 2 years to the Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation on account of losses in sugar export are as follows :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Factories of U. P. State Sugar Corporation	97.75
Factories of U. P. Cooperative Sugar Factories Federation	127.15

(d) to (g) The sugar production during the current season was showing a declining trend. The production during the current season upto 31-12-1992 was 28.25 lakh tonnes, as against 32.62 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date during the last season, thus showing a decline of 4.37 lakh tonnes. In order to improve the production level during the normal crushing period, it was decided to grant incentives in the form of higher free sale quota on the excess production to be achieved during the period 01-01-1993 to 30-4-1993 over the production during the corresponding period last season. This was intended to encourage the sugar factories to crush larger quantities of cane, thereby increasing the quantum of cane price payment to the farmers.

Purchase of Wheat

2086. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target fixed for wheat purchase by all Government agencies during this year;

(b) the quantity of wheat purchased by the beginning of May, 1993;

(c) wheher Government have received complaints from wheat producing States of harassment of one kind or another of the peasants by the employees incharge of purchasing centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) As the procurement of wheat by FCI and State procuring agencies is made under the price support operations on a totally voluntary basis, it is not possible to fix any procurement targets as such.

(b) A quantity of 41.38 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured for the Central Pool as on 30-4-1993 in the current Rabi Marketing season 1993-94.